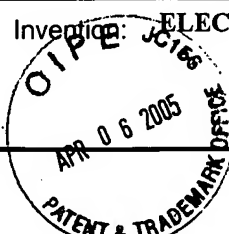
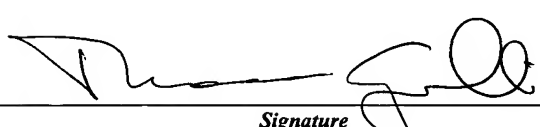
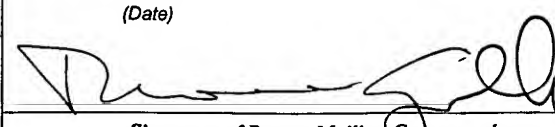


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Invention: <b>ELECTRIC BENDING ENDOSCOPE</b>						
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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated March 1, 2005, Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims of Species 7, readable upon Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-12, and 14 for continued prosecution herein.


Furthermore, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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